"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

It's appropriate that we welcome a new Grade A Dairyman to the county, Tom Perrow. He has recently purchased the F. L. Murphy Farm and constructed a dairy operation.

Dairymen will be interested in the construction of the roof line of the free stall barn. This is the new concept in Virginia Tech plans.

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Buster Lucado told me last week that he had fumigated his tobacco plantbeds and all he needed to do was add the fertilizer and seed.

How easy it is to forget these problems of seeding plantbeds last spring. The result was a late, late crop of tobacco.

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There will be 50 to 100 demonstration solar energy installation cost-shared at 50% for dairy buildings, poultry brooding and swine farrowing houses in the U.S.

If you anticipate construction or would be interested in converingto solar energy and thereby participate in this program, we need to know by October 15.

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The Virginia Beef Cow-Calf Handbook is off the press. Order forms are available from this office. This material covers nine areas of production and is in an attractive hard-bound cover. All fact sheets now available and new or revised ones for the next five years after January 1, 1979 will be sent at no additional costs. Cost for the handbook is $10.00.

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A. B. Carson, Jr. recently shared with me fire cured tobacco sales tickets from Martin Warehouse dated December 15, 1936.

These 42 year old sales receipts showed that his father sold 830 pounds of tobacco for a total of $81.45 -- less than $10 a hundred average. Prices ranged from $6.25 to $20.00.

Times have changed, haven't they?

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Again this winter, there will be a farm management institute for beginning farmers at Virginia Tech for three weeks - January 22, February 5 and February 19. The cost is the same as a year ago $250; this includes all costs except meals and travel. The institute is limited to 30 students.

These attending earlier sessions are very high in their praise of this outstanding educational experience.

Let me know if you have an interest.

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The first feeder calf sale in Lynchburg was last Thursday. There were 1120 steers and the high selling pen brought $76.75 per CWT; while 798 heifers had a high of $67.25.

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Precipitation:

Last Week	.80
This Month	.82
This Year	34.70

Plans For Appreciation Service Completed

The Mount Shiloh Baptist Church has completed plans for an appreciation service in honor of two of its loyal and faithful members, Mrs. Theda Harris and Deacon Burnett Turner. Mrs. Harris served the church as financial secretary for twenty seven years and deacon Turner served the church as sexton for thirty years. The pastor of the church will conpreside and the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and his choir from the Third Liberty Baptist Church of New Canton, Virginia will be the guest speaker. Members of the church and of the community will appear on the program. Special music will be rendered by the Gospel Harmonnetts. The general public is cordially invited to attend. The service will be held Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m.

Impressive service was held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday. The guest minister was the Rev. John Austin of Virginia Union in Richmond, Virginia. All present enjoyed the message.

All officers, members and friends are invited to the Freedom Fund Rally this Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Galilee Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be the state executive secretary, Mr. Gravely of Richmond. Special music will be rendered by the Mount Shiloh Church Junior Choir. The pastor of the church will preside and lead the devotions.

The members and friends of the Galilee Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular preaching service this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The Trumpteers rendered a musical program at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. The program was enjoyed by all. The offering was very good.

The Mount Airy Baptist closed one of its most successful revivals last Friday evening. The guest for the week was the Rev. James Cabell of Danville, Virginia and the honored pastor of local Mt. Zion Church of Redhouse, Virginia. Twenty additions were added to the church.

The monthly meeting of the NAACP was held at the Mount Airy Baptist Church Monday evening. Final plans were made for freedom fund rally. Mr. T. A. Chilton was elected as delegate to the state convention in Arlington, Virginia.

The sick is improving slowly. We are very happy to learn that Mrs. Pauline Hancock has returned to her home here after special treatment in the hospital.

Miss Emmerline Fleshman is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Mable Goode entered the hospital Monday for special treatment.

Rev. Marvin Cook To Present Special Service at Memorial Church

Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox will begin a series of Family Life Services beginning on Sunday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing at 7:30 p.m. each night through Thursday, October 19. The Rev. Mr. Marvin Cook, pastor of the Farmville United Methodist Church, will be the guest minister. Mr. Cook's messages, relating to the family will be:

1. Where they learn to love; 2. Parenting; 3. The Fifth Commandment; 4. Living Richly on Small Money; 5. Agape in Marriage.

Each evening the service will be led by a church family or selected members.

Immediately following the service, there will be a discussion period in the fellowship hall to further explore Mr. Cook's message.

All friends and members of Memorial are invited to share in this worship and learning experience.

Rev. Mr. Edward Leonard is minister at Memorial.

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Following the demonstration, the group had beef Shisk-Ka-Bobs.

Lime Needs for Virginia Crops, Lawns & Gardens

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

Limestone is commonly needed and used in crop production in Virginia to reduce soil acidity and increase crop yields. When the soil pH is below 5.5, a marked response to lime can generally be expected for most crops, gardens and home grounds. Soil pH is a measurement shown on test reports to indicate the degree of acidity or alkalinity in soils. Soils in the eastern part of the United States are generally moderate to strongly acid unless they have been limed within the last five to ten years. Fields cropped to corn usually require more frequent liming than pasture boundaries. Intensity of cropping and fertilization practices influence the rate of acidification in soils. For example, the use of ammonium and urea forms of nitrogen for supplying nitrogen needs contributes to acidification of soils. Such sources of nitrogen make up a significant portion of the fertilizer market, which emphasizes the need for monitoring the lime needs of soils where these materials are being used.

The most favorable pH range for most crops and plants is 5.8 to 6.5. There are some exceptions. Legumes, such as clovers and alfalfa, grow best when the pH is in the near neutral range of 6.5 to 6.8. Some plants such as blueberries and rhododendrons, grow best in strongly acid soils (pH 4.8 to 5.2). Such variations in pH requirements for crops and plants emphasize the need for soil testing to determine lime needs. The amount of lime needed by a specific soil for a particular crop or plant is determined by pH level, type of soil (clay, loamy or sandy) and crop or plant to be grown.

The late summer and fall seasons are the best times to soil test and apply needed lime and/or fertilizer. These seasons are best because the soils are at the best moisture level (tillable) for sampling; the VPI & SU Soil Testing Laboratory can provide rapid service; heavily loaded lime trucks do not mire down in muddy fields; soil compaction is less on drier soils; and the lime can be spread more uniformly. More uniformity of spread is possible because spreader trucks can maintain a uniform speed and direction of travel.

Start now to plan for next year by soil testing cropland, lawns and garden areas. Contact your County Extension Agent, Soil Conservation Service Representative, and ASCS Offices for sampling supplies and instructions for collecting representative soil samples.

Rev. Floyd Wingfield

Three-Night Revival Planned At Trinity

There will be an old time preaching and singing revival at Trinity United Methodist Church beginning Friday, October 13, and continuing through Sunday night, October 15th. Evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday morning services at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Floyd Wingfield, a former pastor, will be the evangelist for these services.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

This is sponsored by the Fellowship Four and Jackie.

REVIVAL PLANNED AT PINEY RIDGE

Revival services are planned at Piney Ridge Methodist Church beginning October 15th and continuing through October 20th with services nightly at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Ronald Quinlan, of Dillwyn, will be the guest speaker for these services.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. T. R. Boggs is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Gregory's 4-H Club

Mrs. Gregory's 4-H Club met September 18, 1978. Mr. Sweet opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sweet told us we could hand in projects in October. We filled out enrollment cards.

The following officers were elected: President, Dana Lee; Vice President, Jeff Motley; Secretary, Robin LeGrand; Reporter, Monica Stratton; Recreation Leaders, John Fedison and Keith Martin.

Mr. Sweet adjourned the meeting.

Monica Stratton, Reporter

"GOSPEL SING"

The Church of God of Prophecy is having a gospel sing Saturday night, October 14. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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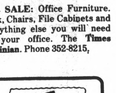

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Percy Thompson grows a variety of crops on his Appomattox farm. Several years ago someone gave his wife some seed of an unknown crop. In this picture Thompson holds the fruit from what is either a squash or a pumpkin. It weighs 26½ lbs. and is 24 inches long. Also pictured are six sweet potatoes weighing 14½ lbs.

Hollywood

A large crowd attended the 100th anniversary of Hollywood Baptist Church Sunday. Thank you dear Lord for a happy and wonderful day when friends, relatives, members and former members came together for this anniversary.

Rev. David Menser of the James River Association has accepted a call from Central and Hollywood churches and will begin his ministry as pastor on October 22nd. We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Menser and son to our churches and neighborhood.

Mrs. Vera Robertson, of Lovingston, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and family and attended the 100th anniversary of Hollywood church.

Mrs. Kenneth Wingfield and son, of Roanoke, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family.

Mrs. James Woodall and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield ate lunch with Mrs. Mary Bagby Tuesday. Calling in this home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Drinkard, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. Leslie Goin, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin and Wesley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Jr. and children, of Alexandra, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith ate lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman one day last week. Mr. Bobby Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent the week end with Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Joyce called in this home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman spent Monday with Mrs. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Gilliam, of Farmville, were luncheon guests Saturday of Mrs. W. T. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, Delorious Wingfield and Dawn Deaner visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Saturday night. Mrs. James Carson spent the week end in this home. Miss Cassie Baldwin called in the home of Mrs. Bagby Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Sam Powell and Mrs. Marge Graves, of Halifax, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr. Saturday afternoon.

Research Reports

Every month Mrs. Eye's sixth grade class has to do research reports. Local resource persons are invited to add to the students information. On September 26th Mrs. Eye's class had three guests.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Paulette and Colonel Eugene Bell were invited by Miss Tamara Day to talk about Tennessee Walking horses. Colonel Bell brought his horse, May, and pony with cart. Mr. and Mrs. Paulette and Colonel Bell did a great job showing and teaching us about this research topic.

JoAnn Wooding, Tracey Trent

FHA Member of the Month for October

The FHA Member of the Month of ACHS is Miss Susan Parris. Susan has been active in FHA for four years. She has participated in many activities including projects for the Five County Fair, monthy FHA meetings, and planning sessions that were held over the summer. She also served as hostess for the Fall Federation Meeting held at ACHS. Susan served on the fair booth committee and is presently holding the office of third vice-president in the Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America.

Susan is a junior at ACHS and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Parris.

Congratulations Susan on being October's Member of the Month.

Rocks

October 9 - Big change in the temperature over the week end. First real frost of the season this morning (Monday). A freeze in some places in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kress of Florida who have been visiting his brother, George Kress of Pamplin, will leave today for their home in Florida.

The Executive Committee meeting of the Appomattox Association was held at Rocks last Monday night. The attendance was good. Delicious refreshments were served.

A number of acteens from Rocks attended the Associational meeting at Brookneal Church on last Monday night.

The W.M.U. Group I was at Rocks on Tuesday night. Six churches in thy group was represented. We were fortunate to have our own missionary, Hazel Moon, to speak to the group and Ruth Ford, retired missionary, Indonesia.

Get well wishes go out to William B. Ranson who is a patient at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach spent the week end in Waynesboro, Virginia with their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams.

Congratulations to Miss Maggie Branch of Pamplin who won the birthday cake on October 3rd. She was 95 years old.

George Kress will go back to the doctor for a check up today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roach and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamlin, Sr. and grandson, Bob and Paul Martin were in North Carolina over the week end to see Mrs. Hamlin's Aunt Rose.

A number from Rocks attended the one hundredth anniversary of Hollywood Church on Sunday. It was a beautiful day and a bountiful lunch served.

A representative, Mr. Jenkins of the Gideons International spoke at Rocks Sunday morning.

Make plans to attend the Annual Association Meeting at Concord Church on Thursday night, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday night, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Red Oak Church.

There will be a hymn sing at Rocks October 29th at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget the time change that week end.

A number attended the Usurla Davis funeral at Doyne-Burger Funeral Home in Farmville last Thursday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family and relatives.

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Latin Club News

The Appomattox County High School is already in full swing for the year. The club has held two meetings thus far and the officers have met to discuss plans for the year. A booth was set up on Railroad Day and members of the club sold sandwiches and baked goods.

Preparations for the Homecoming float got underway last week when club members met after school to work on the float. The chairman of the Homecoming Float Committee is Mary Catherine Simpson.

Other activities for the year include a visit to the nursing home, caroling and decorating the bulletin board at Christmas. In the spring the club will participate in the art show, Foreign Language Week, the Latin Convention, will give a tea for the teachers, and will have a banquet at the end of the year.

A trip to Washington, D.C. IS BEING PLANNED FOR CLUB MEMBERS AROUND THE END OF April. This year a few of the members will be fortunate enough to go to Rome, Italy during the Easter vacation.

With an increase in membership this year, the club sponsor, Miss Claude O'Brien and club president, Judy Zimmerman, both feel that this year's club will be the best the school has ever had.

Melinda Davis, Reporter

WRECK ISLAND CLUB TO MEET OCTOBER 18th

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Wednesday, October 18th, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mary Taylor.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

1st Graders Visit Fire Station

First graders from Appomattox Primary School braved dreary weather to visit the fire station. Due to the inclement weather the planned nature-listening walk to the fire station was changed to a bus ride. Pictured above with students from Mrs. Simpson's room is Equipment Sergeant Mike Johnson. Sergeant Johnson discussed home safety and the importance of home fire drills as well as explaining the equipment at the station. The trip was part of a study unit on Fire Prevention and Safety.

Concord Senior Citizens Announce Annual Bazaar

The Concord Senior Citizens have chosen October 14, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for their annual Bazaar.

This event will be held in the regular meeting place, the Masonic Building on Route 24. The public is invited. Signs will indicate the location.

There will be a variety of articles, including baked goods, interesting and beautiful crafts, and many other handmade commodities.

Proceeds from this sale will be used for gifts for shut-ins, trips, and assistance with the on-going Senior Program.

Hunt Club Plans Turkey-Shoot

Clover Hill Hunting Club will have a "turkey-shoot" on Saturday, October 14th, at 2 p.m. To get to the location, go to Wilkes Plant Farm on Road 635 and follow signs.

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